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ITEM 1. Proposed Project

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ITEM 2. Project Coverage

San Diego County is approximately 2.7 million acres in size and over two-thirds of the County is non-inhabited areas. Approximately 1.2 million acres is State, National Forest, or BLM owned land. There are several legal areas of OHV activity in San Diego County, including Corral Canyon OHV State Park which has 12 miles of trails, Lark Canyon which has 31 miles of designated trails, Ocotillo Wells SVRA which has approximately 23,000 acres, and portions of BLM San Miguel Mountains has approximately 34 miles of OHV trails, and U.S. Forest land Orosco Ridge has approximately 10 miles of trails. Using this information there is approximately 1 million acres of land in San Diego County that potentially can be abused illegal off road riding.

ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols

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ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel

The San Diego County Sheriff's Departments Off-Road Team is comprised of 11 reserve deputy sheriff's, 2 full time deputy sheriff's, one sergeant, and 2 other full time deputy sheriff's that assist during larger details. During this grant period rural deputies and rural sergeants will be used to assist with the off-road problems that are in the areas they patrol.

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1. Identify areas with high priority law enforcement needs because of public safety, cultural resources, and sensitive environmental habitats, including wilderness areas and areas of critical environmental concerns:

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2. Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will sustain OHV Recreation, motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation, or OHV Opportunities associated with the Project Area:

ORET utilizes several ways of encouraging safe and legal off-road activity. One of the best methods ORET uses to conduct off-road education and outreach is by publishing an off-road public education handout that provides the off-road community off-road laws, legal riding locations, and contact information. In addition, ORET regularly conducts public education events at fairs and trade shows, including displays at public events, parades, and school presentations. ORET participates in user group seminars and attends off-road user group meetings to promote dialogue. ORET has a public web site that provides valuable information to the off-road enthusiast.

3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:

The San Diego Sheriff's Reserve Off-Road Enforcement Team has and will continue to work closely with Bureau of Land Management, State Parks, U.S. Fish & Wildlife, U.S. Forest Service, State Lifeguards and the County Park System. ORET works in different capacity with each of these partners because of the general needs and geography. We assist U.S. Fish & Wildlife with people who use off-road vehicles to access the lakes to fish legally or illegally.

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4. Does the Applicant recover a portion of the law enforcement costs directly associated with privately sponsored OHV events where sponsors have obtained a local permit? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

Explain

The County permit process does not have a mechanism to re-imburse ORET. All funds are deposited to the County General Fund.

5. The Applicant agrees to implement a public education program that includes information on safety programs available in the area and how to report OHV violations? ☒ Yes ☐ No
(Please select Yes or No)

6. Describe the Applicant's OHV law enforcement training program including how the training program educates personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection:

Currently ORET has two certified ATV Safety Institute instructors. These two instructors train all Sheriff's personnel and local allied agencies to reduce costs and ensure training standards. Grant funds requested will cover the overtime cost of one paid instructor. A Reserve Deputy instructor, Reserve Deputies, and Search and Rescue volunteers are used towards the grant request matching funds.

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7. Is the proposed project in accordance with local or federal plans and the OHMVR Division Strategic Plan? ☒ Yes ☐ No
(Please select Yes or No)
8. LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY - Describe the Applicant's policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federal land:

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department has a verbal agreement with our Federal Law Enforcement partners allowing us to enforce State laws on Federal land. We also have a reference guide that identifies the state codes that correspond to the federal laws.

9. COUNTIES ONLY - Describe how the OHV in-lieu of tax funds are being used and whether the use of these fees complements the Applicant's project:

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department Off-Road Enforcement Team receives in-lieu funds that are used primarily for equipment, training, and education materials. On rare occasions, the funds are used for personnel. These funds will complement our proposed project.

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department does not have or manage an OHV recreation facility.

11. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of OHVs and the other provision of Division 16.5 commencing with Section 38000 of the vehicle code and to enforce other applicable laws regarding the operation of OHVs? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No

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PROJECT TITLE :	Law Enforcement	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Sergeant	300.000	67.580	HRS	20,274.00	0.00	20,274.00
	Sergeant	400.000	67.580	HRS	0.00	27,032.00	27,032.00
	Law Enforcement Officers	700.000	60.170	HRS	42,119.00	0.00	42,119.00
	Law Enforcement Officers Notes : The match will be made by using the hours that our non-paid reserve Deputies contribute.	700.000	55.970	HRS	0.00	39,179.00	39,179.00
	Law Enforcement Officers	24.000	67.580	HRS	1,622.00	0.00	1,622.00
	Law Enforcement Officers	24.000	55.970	HRS	0.00	1,343.00	1,343.00

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	Total for Staff				64,015.00	67,554.00	131,569.00
2	Contracts						
3	Materials / Supplies						
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
	Vehicle Operations and Maintenance Notes : Included is a regular I.S.F charge for the purchase/maintenance of new vehicles during the period of the grant.	10.000	1883.000	EA	18,830.00	0.00	18,830.00
5	Equipment Purchases						
	Other-ATV/Motorcycle trailer Notes : Included is an I.S.F charge for the purchase of new vehicles. total of 687.00	2.000	15343.500	EA	30,687.00	0.00	30,687.00
	Other-Quads Notes : Included is an I.S.F charge for the purchase of new vehicles. Total of \$916.00	4.000	10229.000	EA	40,916.00	0.00	40,916.00
	Other-Motorcycle Notes : Included is an I.S.F charge for the purchase of new vehicles. Total of \$1008.00	4.000	11252.000	EA	45,008.00	0.00	45,008.00
	Total for Equipment Purchases				116,611.00	0.00	116,611.00
6	Others						
	Training Notes : ATV/Dual sport Motorcycle training.	2.000	1500.000	EA	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
7	Administrative Costs						
	Administrative Costs-Costs needed to pro Notes : Costs needed to process the grant paperwork.	1.000	18000.000	SET	13,000.00	5,000.00	18,000.00
	Total Program Expenses				215,456.00	72,554.00	288,010.00

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5	Equipment Purchases	116,611.00	0.00	116,611.00	
6	Others	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	
7	Administrative Costs	13,000.00	5,000.00	18,000.00	
Total Program Expenses		215,456.00	72,554.00	288,010.00	
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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)
- c. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- d. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 3 – 9

ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts

ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources

ITEM 7 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the potential impacts and for any substantially adverse changes in the significance of historical or cultural resources and measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the impacts.

ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts

CEQA/NEPA Attachment